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"MEDICAL SUCTION APPARATUS AND
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COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter as noted in the Notice of Allowance dated November 16, 2009. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has identified only a few of the separate and independent reasons for allowance of independent Claims 1, 14, and 17-20 and, therefore, for allowance of dependent Claims 2-13, 15-16, and 21. Applicant also respectfully submits that Claims 2-13, 15-16, and 21 are allowable for additional separate and independent reasons. The independent claims (Claims 1, 14, and 17-20) include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner. Similarly, the dependent claims (Claims 2-13, 15-16, and 21) include additional patentable features and/or

combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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